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Groveland City Council City Manager Report April 20, 2015

## **Pending Action Items:**

 Water rate study - The preliminary water analysis has been complete. Staff will be reviewing the report provided by Mr. Drymon and will make assessments related to developing a timeline and strategy as to engaging water rate study process.

# Report from the Desk of the City Manager:

- CM Box Car Racing has expressed interest in resuming partnership with the city despite its April 6th notice to start the termination clause of their contract which was recently signed April 3rd. Although, contract implementation or in this case non-implementation due to a termination clause, falls under the day to day operations duties of the city manager; Understanding how important this event has become for the community and after consultation with the City Attorney and the City Council, the city will agree to use the termination period (also recognized as the cooling off period) to allow CM Box Car to finish the maximum of 3 races of the remaining race session. This will only be allowed through observing the current provisions of the contract between CM Box Car Racing and the City of Groveland. As prescribed by the contract the city staff has drafted a safety plan that will be reviewed with CM Box Car Tuesday of this week. With regard to the accidents that have occurred to date; in both cases the accidents transpired before the city's contracted partnership with CM Box Car; and thus, before a city required safety plan. It should also be noted that CM Box Car serves as primary insurance holder in these events and to date no claims have been placed against the City of Groveland's insurance policy.
- SR 50 Realignment Update: Now that FDOT (District Five) has agreed to pursue a funding strategy that would include the Groveland SR 50 Realignment project into their 5 year plan. There are strategies that staff is currently exploring that could expedite this project, as well as, expedite the city's goal to move forward with a municipal complex (city hall, police, fire admin. public services). In related matters, as directed from City Council; the City Attorney, Councilwoman Sweatt, and the City Manager, have met with Morgan Booth, representative for the owners of the downtown properties associated with the 50 realignment project. The purpose of this meeting was to cultivate a positive working relationship as the SR 50 realignment project moves forward. With regard to using the vacant land for public purposes while awaiting project development, Mr. Booth outlined the following modest requirements.
  - Before using any of said property for a public event the city would agree to carry insurance that would hold the owners of the privately held property harmless in event of accidents related to any public event held on the property.
  - The City agrees to maintain the property including mowing, cleaning, and maintain fencing to keep site secure.

- The site cannot be used in a fashion that might cause any kind of environmental issue or concern.
- The well sites and the depot must be preserved and protected.
- Use of the property can not hinder the SR 50 project. FDOT must have access to the property at all times to keep the project on track.
- The owners representative / agent Morgan Booth has access to the site at all times to inspect and coordinate with FDOT and other team members.

Mr. Booth also indicated that the Depot was still intended to be given to the city and the immediate site it is sitting on; however, he would like FDOT to manage the transfer of said property as a part of the coast to coast trail and SR 50 realignment right of way process. Staff will be exploring the viability of this approach and will proceed accordingly.

- Goal Setting Consultant Lyle Sumek Associates has accepted the changes to the scope of work and we are working to secure...
  - o dates in April for phone call interviews with Mayor and City Council,
  - o dates in May for a Planning Session with Management Team
  - o dates in May / June for a Goal Setting Session with City Council

Mr. Sumek has asked if the City Council would prefer a goal setting session to be held during the Week or on a Saturday.

• Thermal Camera Incident - The benefits of city council's approval for last year's budget continues to pay dividends in public safety and services. We recently received a call for service due to a report of unseen / smell of smoke from a residence. Using our newly purchased (authorized in our last budget) Thermal Camera firefighters were able to discover a faulty GFI electrical outlet that was arcing internally and creating a plastic burning odor. Unattended this simple issue could have become a worse problem and eventually possibly a life threatening issue. (for more details see attachment 1)

### Follow up / Reminder items:

None

# <u>Projects in the Funnel / Staff work Room:</u> (Written only)

- Neighborhood Grant
- Fishing Pier (grants committee and/or budget process)
- SR-50 Letter Writing & Petition Campaign
- Permaculture Community Garden
- City Bi-Annual News Letter
- Light Receptacles / Ryan's Electric
- Water Rate Study (Detailed Timeline)
- Arranging City Council Goal Setting
- Groveland Youth Council (program design)
- Bradshaw Property Talks

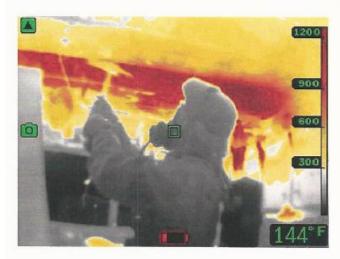
- Capital Budget to the RAC
- Osprey Cove Property Maintenance
- Palisades Annexation Waiver Letter
- Paint ??? /Refurbish Gazebo / Lake David
- Jim Stivender Presentation
- Inter-local Home Investment Partnership
- Hwy 27 Welcome Sign (basic)
- Irrigation Inspector / Conservation
  Specialist & Program Development
- Police / Community Citizen Advisory Board
- Amending Economic Development
  Resolution

### **Events:**

Next Box Car Racing Event (should an agreement hold) -- May 30th and 31st, 2015

#### Attachment 1

In March, the Groveland Fire Department received two new Thermal Imaging Cameras (TIC). These cameras are replacing our thirteen year old units that in terms of electronic devices have been obsolete for several years. A TIC sees and measures the invisible infrared light that is emitted from objects and recreates an image of the object/s on a small display (TV screen) in various shades of color to depict the heat signatures. In other words, the when looking at the display, an object may show up in various shades ranging from black to white with black being cold and white being hot. When the temperature exceeds a certain threshold, depending on the setting used, the colors may be yellow or red, with red being the hottest. In addition, there is temperature readout on the screen that may be used to determine the actual temperature. Essentially, they see through smoke. An example of an image is shown below of a firefighter in an actual fire operation. The temperature depicted is measured in the little square at the center of the screen. In this case the firefighter's head is at 144 degrees. The tool he is using is yellow, so it would be close to 600 degrees as indicated by the scale on the right of the screen. The red area behind him should be actual fire at 1200 degrees. The yellow is super heated air or gasses.



This is the typical use in a fire situation and had been the capability of our old cameras. However, our old units didn't have an image as clear as the new units. In addition these new TICs are much more sensitive. We had a smell of something burning in a home in Trilogy. There was no smoke and nothing showing. Using our new TIC, we were able to scan the room on the most sensitive setting. When pointing the TIC at one of the walls, a small red area was detected. Advancing to the area, we were able to identify a ground fault interrupter (GFI) electrical outlet that was 90 degrees while the wall around it and other receptacles registered 72 degrees. Further inspection revealed that the receptacle was arcing internally and creating a plastic burning odor.